

Wheaton Ill
April 1942

Dear Christian Friends

After you have read the attached unsolicited letter from Mrs Ida L Nelson of Tulsa Okla I am sure that you will have a greater interest in the mission work of Elder J F Brandon than ever before. We are mimeographing 1000 of these letters and for the information of those who are not already familiar with Missionary Brandon's work, we add the following

J F Brandon is a Baptist Missionary. God called him to go the great Amazon Valley in Brazil about 20 years ago. He and his dear wife have labored for over 18 years on this field. He has organized 7 Baptist churches, baptized over 600 Brazilian believers and ordained 6 native Baptist preachers. He is now 47 years old and speaks and writes the Portuguese language fluently. By long experience he knows the Brazilian people and their customs, and by their self-sacrificing and consecrated lives, Brother and Sister Brandon have won their confidence and endeared themselves to them.

He goes to the Mission Field on faith, believing that the God who called him to go will supply his need. He is supported by those whom the Lord leads to give. His only way of reaching you who have a part in his work, with information about it, is through these monthly mimeographed sheets that the Lord has led the writer and family to send you on behalf of this great cause.

Brother Brandon and his family came home on furlough last year. He has been trying for months to get a reservation for passage on boat for Brazil. Because of the war and almost daily sinkings along the Atlantic Coast he has not been able to get the name or sailing date of a boat. We are now happy to announce that we have secured a reservation for him to go by Pan American Airways. The Lord willing he will on Saturday May 9th 1942 leave by airplane from Miami Fla for Belem (Para) Brazil at the mouth of the Amazon river. This part of the trip will require only three days and will be safe from submarine torpedoes. After he gets to Belem he will then have a journey of 30 to 40 days or more by boat up the Amazon and Jurua rivers to his Mission Field at Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre.

Sister Brandon and the children will remain in the United States. The needs are, funds for Sister Brandon and the childrens support here in the homeland, and the support of Brother Brandon and his work on the field in Brazil. We invite you to have a regular part in their support. In addition to your regular offering will you join with us in a special offering to pay the passage for Brother Brandon's return? He has been away from home filling appointments the last several weeks and we have not received the list of offerings for insertion at this time. The funds we received in March 1942 and forwarded to him are as follows:

Mar 1942	Mar 1942	Mar 1942
8 Don Grollimund \$1.00	8 Don Overbey \$1.00	22 Fay Wing Jr \$1.00
28 Don Grollimund 1.00	8 Naomi Franz 1.00	8 Gordon Ceperley 1.00
1 Astrid Strom 1.00	8 Ruth Hughey 1.00	11 Mrs May V Butler 3.00
7 Carl Vining 3.00	2 Frances Meyer 1.00	Total \$12.00
8 Edw Overbey 1.00	8 Fay Wing Jr 1.00	

Sincerely

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